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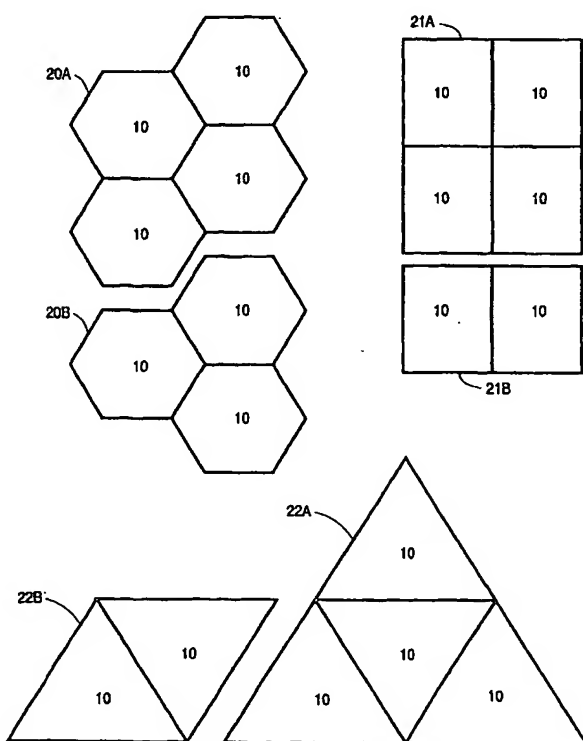
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(54) Title: PERFORMING A COMPETITION BETWEEN TEAMS BY MEANS OF MODULAR UNITS



(57) Abstract: This invention relates to a method of performing a competition between teams by means of at least two sets of modular units (20A, 20B; 21A, 21B; 22A, 22B). The invention further relates to a modular unit for performing a competition between teams. Said method comprises the steps of connecting a first set of modular units (20A, 21A, 22A) to a second set of modular units (20B, 21B, 22B), wherein each set comprises at least one modular unit (10); determining which first modular unit in the first set is connected to which second modular unit or units in the second set; determining which third modular unit in the second set is connected to which fourth modular unit or units in the second set; determining a set of information items for at least one modular unit, wherein each information item individually relates to a specific modular unit in said sets (20A, 20B; 21A, 21B; 22A, 22B); and wherein said set of information items represents competition-related information, and wherein said set of information items depends on the way in which said modular units are located relative to one another, a property for each modular unit and of which first competition performed; distributing the set of information items to the corresponding modular units; and presenting said set of information items on the modular units. A modular unit, when used in conjunction with more modular units, can thus provide a freely selectable field of any form or shape for performing a competition, such as sports or games.



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